IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Maurer et al.

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For: Dust Tolerant Windowless Scanner

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: